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1. WE CAN GO ALONG WITH ALLIED CONSENSUS ON WHETHER TO

INSERT PHRASE "AND WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED" IN FINAL TICK OF PARA. 1 OF GUIDANCE (PER PARA. 2, REFTEL).

2. US LANGUAGE ON SUBCEILINGS IN PARA. 16 OF GUIDANCE WAS INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONLY FOR A FIXED SUBCEILING ON GROUND FORCE MANPOWER, WITH LIMITED FREEDOM TO INCREASE THE POST-REDUCTION LEVEL. WE DID NOT INTEND TO ESTABLISH A FIXED SUBCEILING ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER. UNDER THE US APPROACH, AIR FORCE MANPOWER CAN THEORETICALLY BE INCREASED TO AN UNLIMITED EXTENT, PROVIDED THE TOTAL DID NOT EXCEED THE AGREED LEVEL OF THE COMBINED COLLECTIVE COMMON CEILING. BELGIAN PROPOSAL (PARA. 13, REFTEL) TO INSERT PHRASE "OR CONVERSELY ITS OVERALL AIR FORCE MANPOWER" IS THEREFORE INCONSISTENT WITH THE US AND PRESUMED FRG POSITION.

3. WE CAN ACCEPT BELGIAN SUGGESTION (PARA. 12, REFTEL) TO SAY "ADEQUATE LIMITED INCREASE" IN PARA. 16 OF SUPPLEMENT.

4. BEGIN FYI. WE DELIBERATELY OMITTED REFERENCE TO A FLEXIBILITY MARGIN FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES IN OUR LANGUAGE FOR PARA. 16 ON SUBCEILINGS. WE THOUGHT IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ALLIES TO PROPOSE LANGUAGE ON THIS ISSUE IF THEY THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE COVERED. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HAVING SUITABLE LANGUAGE ON THE PERIOD BETWEEN PHASES INSERTED. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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